Production of natural gas from Bombay High

824. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total production of natural gas from Bombay High;

(b) what is the percentage of this natural gas that is being supplied to the various projects in different States, Statewise;

(c) what is the demand of Maharashtra Government for natural gas; and

(d) in what manner Government propose to meet the demand for natural gas of Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) The avarage total production of natural gas from Western offshore fields, including Bombay High, during the month of July, 1990 was around 37 million cubic metres per day;

(b) 30 per cent of the western offshore gas is supplied ex-Uran Terminal to industries in Maharashtra and 34 per cent is supplied ex-Hazira Terminal in Gujarat to consumers located in Gujarat, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh through the HBJ Pipeline. 9.8 per cent of the offshore gas is utilised by ONGC for internal consumption and the remaining 26.2 per cent has to be flared on account of inadequate facilities for dehydration, compression and transportation of this gas to onshore terminal for supply to consumers.

(c) and (d) There is demand for the supply of gas to several consumers in Maharashtra. However, availability of gas is limited by the current capacity of the pipeline and onshore terminal at Uran. Future commitments for supply of gas can be considered only after decision is taken for invesment in augmentation of processing, compression and transportation capacity of gas and the setting up of a second onshore terminal. The present commitments for supply of gas to various consumers in Maharashtra State are given in the enclosed Statement. (See below)

Statement

Demand for supply of natural gas in Maharashtra

	Consumers	Quantity (in million) cubic metres per day
1.	Rashtriya Chemicals & Fertilizers, Trombay	1·80
2.	Rashtriya Chemicals & Fertilizers, Thal	3·00
3.	Heavy Water Project, Thal	0·15
4.	Deepak Fertilizer & Petrochemicals Ltd. Taloja	0·60
5.	Bharat Electronics Corporation, Taloja	0·03
6.	Tata Electric Company, Trombay	1·50
7.	Maharashtra State Electricity Board, Uran	4·50
8.	Hindustan Copper Limited	0·01
9.	Maharashtra Gas Cracker Complex, Nagathane	0·60
10.	Bharat Petroleum Corpn. Ltd./Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd.	0·05

Cosumers	Quantity (in million) cubic metre per day
11. C2/C3 project (ONGC)	1·15
12. LPG (ONGC)	1·80
13. Bombay City Distribution	1·50
14. Hindustan Organic Chemicals	0·15
15. Grasim	0·75
16. Metadist	0·01
17. Kalyani Steel	0·75
18. Nippon Denro	1·00
TOTAL:	18·55

Hike in kerosene price

825. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that kerosene price has shot up and is being sold in black market; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to curb the price of kerosene?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) Reports are received from time to time regarding black marketing of kerosene in various parts of the country.

(b) State Governments/UTs administrations, which are responsible for the retail distribution of kerosene, have been advised to geir up the enforcement machinery to check black marketing and prevent diversion of SKO for adulteration of petrol and diesel.

State Governments/UTs have been delegated powers to take action under the Essential Commodities Act.

Tehri Dam Project

826. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present stage of construction of Tehri Dam Project; and

(b) by when the Project is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) Infrastructural works, construction of four diversion tunnels and approach adits to the underground power house cavern have been completed; the river was diverted in November, 1989 through the right bank diversion tunnels. Excavation of four headrace tunnels has been completed and lining work is in progress. The work of construction of the foundation of the Coffer dam upto river bed level has also been completed.

(b) The project is scheduled to be completed by March, 1997.